

## IS AN INFLATABLE POOL CONSIDERED A SWIMMING POOL?

Yes. An inflatable swimming pool needs to comply with the same by-laws as any swimming pool.



## WHO CAN I CALL FOR ELECTRICAL PERMITS & INSPECTIONS?

You can call the Electrical Safety Authority at

1-877-372-7233 or visit their website at

[www.esasafe.com](http://www.esasafe.com)

## WHERE CAN I DRAIN MY POOL?

Water from a pool is not to discharge or run onto adjacent properties.



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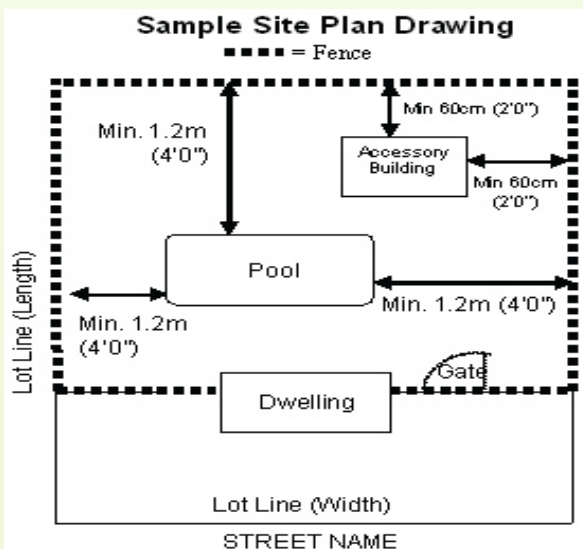
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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### DO I REQUIRE A PERMIT FOR A SWIMMING POOL?

Yes. A permit is required to construct or install a pool or any other structure located outdoors which is capable of containing over 0.6m of water. This includes in-ground and above-ground pools, hot tubs, fish ponds, etc. Permits may also be required for associated construction such as decks, change houses, sunrooms, etc.



### WHAT INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A PERMIT?

- 1. Application** - You are required to fill out an application. (Available at [www.sarnia.ca](http://www.sarnia.ca))
- 2. Site Plan (Above ground pool)**- You will need to attach a site plan consisting of the lot dimensions, location of the dwelling and any other buildings on the property and location of the proposed swimming pool. Please see sample site plan drawing.
- 3. Fence/Gate Location** - Indicate the location and description of the fencing that will be installed for the pool enclosure, along with indicating the location of all gates. There needs to be a minimum distance of 1.2m between the fence and water's edge.
- 4. New Accessory Buildings** - Indicate location of any new accessory buildings (i.e. pump shed).
- 5. Deck Location** - Indicate the location of all decks.
- 6. Lot Grading Plan (in-ground pool)** - When installing a pool below ground, you are required to submit a grading plan to the Engineering Department for review. If installation of your pool adversely affects your neighbors property, you could be liable for damages through civil action.

### IS A FENCE REQUIRED FOR ABOVE-GROUND POOLS?

Above-ground pools are considered to be the same as in-ground pools, and require the same enclosures around the entire pool. However, when the exterior wall of the above-ground pool has an effective height of 1.5m at ground level, this may be considered being the required pool enclosure.

### WHAT ARE FENCING REQUIREMENTS FOR A POOL?

All gates must be self-closing, self-latching and lockable. The gate must only be operable from the pool side and kept locked when not in use.

### WHAT IS THE FENCE HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS?

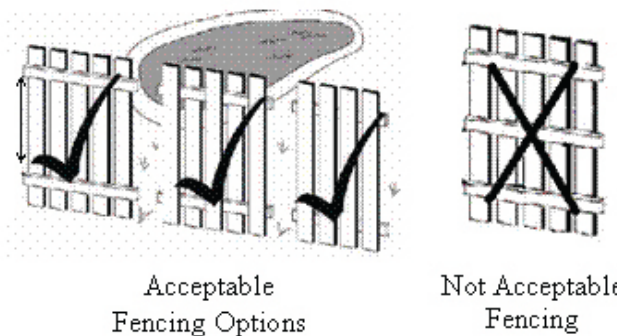
A pool fence is to be less than 5cm above ground level and extend to at least 1.5m.

### WHERE CAN I BUILD A FENCE FOR A POOL?

A fence located within the property lines shall be at least 1.2m distant from any building, structure or tree on the same property that could facilitate climbing of the fence.

### SHOULD MY FENCE LOOK A CERTAIN WAY?

The pool fence shall have no attachments on the exterior face or rails spaced less than 1.2m (4'0") apart that could facilitate climbing. Please see diagram below.



**\*\*It is the responsibility of the permit holder to ensure pool access is restricted at all times during construction.**